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FOR: SEARCH SUPPORTING APPARATUS, SEARCH SUPPORTING
SYSTEM, OPERATION INSTRUCTING TERMINAL, SEARCH
SUPPORTING METHOD, AND OPERATION INSTRUCTING
SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

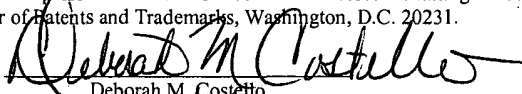
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A search supporting apparatus, comprising:
means for acquiring current position information of a search manager;
means for acquiring current position information of a person being sought; and
means for composing and displaying a relative positional relationship of the search manager and the sought person on a map based on the current position information of the search manager and the sought person.
2. (Original) The search supporting apparatus of claim 1, wherein information based on a relative positional relationship of the search manager and the sought person is search guidance information from the current position of the search manager to the current position of the sought person.

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